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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

FRANCISCO JAVIER PALACIOS-
DELAO,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 03-10600

D.C. No. CR-03-00096-DWH

MEMORANDUM^{*}

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of Nevada
David Warner Hagen, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted December 5, 2005^{**}

Before: GOODWIN, W. FLETCHER and FISHER, Circuit Judges.

Francisco Javier Palacios-Delao appeals from the 77-month sentence imposed following his jury trial conviction for unlawful reentry by a deported,

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^{**} This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

removed and/or excluded alien, in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326. We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291, and we vacate and remand the sentence.

Palacios-Delao contends that the district court plainly erred when it determined that his prior conviction constituted a “crime of violence” under U.S.S.G. § 2L1.2(b)(1)(A)(ii). We agree.

It was plain error for the district court to rely solely upon the factual description of the prior conviction in the presentence report (“PSR”) in finding that the offense qualified as a crime of violence. *See United States v. Pimentel-Flores*, 339 F.3d 959, 968 (9th Cir. 2003). As was the case in *Pimentel-Flores*, the PSR in this case did not list the statute of conviction, and the government did not provide judicially-noticeable evidence to establish the basis for appellant’s conviction. *Id.*

Appellant’s substantial rights were adversely affected by this error. Appellant’s prior conviction did not qualify as a crime of violence under the categorical approach set forth in *Taylor v. United States*, 495 U.S. 575 (1990). *See United States v. Matthews*, 374 F.3d 872, 875 (9th Cir. 2004) (accepting government’s concession that a conviction under Nev. Rev. Stat. 205.060 – the same statute of conviction here – “encompasses both dwellings and non-dwellings and therefore does not necessarily contemplate a burglary of a dwelling”). Moreover, because the government provided no judicially-noticeable documents

indicating that the building burglarized by appellant was a dwelling, his conviction was not a crime of violence under the “modified categorical” approach outlined in *Taylor*. *See Matthews*, 374 F.3d 875 & n.1 (noting, in a preserved error case, that this court may not rely on descriptions in the PSR to determine whether an offense is a burglary of a dwelling for purposes of the modified categorical analysis); *see also Pimentel-Flores*, 339 F.3d at 968-69 (concluding that substantial rights were affected because there was a “plausible prospect” that the outcome might have been different had the government provided judicially-noticeable documents from the prior offense).

We therefore **VACATE** the sentence and **REMAND** for resentencing.